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B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Economic and Social Council, recommends that States, entities of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

2. It is the understanding of the secretariat of the Permanent Forum that those proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations, as set out below, will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum
Outcome of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

3. The Permanent Forum notes that some States have developed national institutions to protect the rights of indigenous peoples, such as ombudsmen, ministries and presidential councils, in addition to providing for the constitutional recognition of indigenous peoples and their proportional representation at various levels of government. Likewise, many United Nations agencies have also played an active part in implementing the principle of free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples during the implementation of their programmes in various countries.

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4. The Permanent Forum welcomes the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (resolution 69/2), which memorializes the solemn commitments of Member States to the Charter of the United Nations and the rights affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Forum also welcomes the designation by the Secretary-General of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs as the senior official within the United Nations to coordinate action in follow-up to the outcome document, including the system-wide action plan to ensure a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the Declaration.

5. The Permanent Forum recommends that States, indigenous peoples and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes immediately engage in a consultative process focused on the full and effective implementation of the outcome document at the local, national, regional and international levels. It also recommends that the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs outline and provide a procedure to guarantee the direct participation of representatives of indigenous peoples, including the expert members of the Forum, in the preparation and coordination of the system-wide action plan, with the objective of promoting and protecting the human rights of indigenous peoples and to enhance and increase the coherence of the activities of the United Nations system in that regard. Such specific action should be reported to the Forum at its fifteenth session.

6. The Permanent Forum recommends that the General Assembly consider establishing a new procedure, in collaboration with indigenous peoples, to guarantee the effective participation of representatives of indigenous peoples and, in particular, indigenous governance institutions, in the seventieth session of the Assembly, including a corresponding accreditation mechanism.

7. The Permanent Forum welcomes the fact that the Human Rights Council will initiate a review of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in June 2015 and recommends that it do so with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples. Any revised mandate should complement the mandates of the Forum and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.

8. The Permanent Forum welcomes the interest expressed at the interactive dialogue on the follow-up to the World Conference held by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on 22 April 2015, in which States and indigenous peoples stressed the importance of repatriating ceremonial objects and human remains. The Forum therefore recommends that States and indigenous peoples establish a working group to prepare a manual of good practice with regard to the repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains, with the support of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other United Nations entities, and submit a progress report to the Forum at its fifteenth session.

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Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Post-2015 development agenda

1. We acknowledge the rich presentation of speakers and active participation of States, United Nations agencies and indigenous peoples, and others in the high-level stocktaking event convened by the President of the General Assembly on the post-2015 development agenda in September 2014. We take note of the serious concerns raised by indigenous peoples over the lack of explicit reference and inclusion of indigenous peoples as distinct groups with collective rights in the ongoing development of the goals and targets of the development agenda. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues reaffirms the need to ensure that the post-2015 development agenda be fully aligned with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as international human rights obligations and commitments of States.

2. The Permanent Forum requests that States incorporate commitments made in the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in the current development of the post-2015 development agenda, especially the action points on data disaggregation, land rights, the implementation of free, prior and informed consent and access to justice presented by indigenous speakers in the thematic panels during the high-level stocktaking event of the General Assembly on the post-2015 development agenda, and reaffirm their commitments to indigenous peoples in the political declaration with the following paragraph:

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We affirm that indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development, based on their security, of their lands, territories and resources. We commit ourselves to ensuring equal access to high-quality education that recognizes the diversity of the cultures of indigenous peoples, and to health, housing, water, sanitation and other economic and social programmes to improve their well-being, including through initiatives, policies and the provision of resources. We intend to empower indigenous peoples, including women, to deliver such programmes and commit ourselves to working with indigenous peoples to disaggregate data on indigenous peoples' development and well-being.

3. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the United Nations Statistical Commission actively engage with indigenous peoples in developing key indicators relating to indigenous peoples' rights to their lands, territories and resources, free, prior and informed consent, empowerment of indigenous women, access to justice and special measures addressing the particular circumstances of indigenous peoples regarding relevant health, education and socioeconomic development targets of the 17 goals.

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Recommendations of the Permanent Forum
Self-harm and suicide among children and young people

1. Indigenous peoples worldwide continue to suffer from the intergenerational trauma of colonization, assimilation, language and culture loss and the disintegration of families. Collectively, those problems can be referred to as a lack of self-determination. Such trauma can lead to desperation and hopelessness, with indigenous communities frequently seeing suicide rates that are significantly higher than among the general population. This global challenge affects indigenous peoples in all regions.

2. The Permanent Forum welcomes information received from States and indigenous peoples on current initiatives and strategies to tackle self-harm and suicide among indigenous children and young people at the national level, as well as on international efforts in the Arctic and Latin America. It is, however, concerned by the lack of action and coordination in taking on the issue at the global level. That the Forum received no information from United Nations entities on global initiatives in this regard leads it to conclude that the issue is not a priority for the United Nations system.

3. The Permanent Forum therefore urges the World Health Organization to develop a strategy and/or programme to tackle self-harm and suicide among indigenous children and young people at the global level. As a first step, the Forum suggests that the World Health Organization gather evidence and research on the prevalence of self-harm and suicide among indigenous children and young people

and prepare a compilation of good practice on prevention, publishing its findings by 1 January 2017.

4. The Permanent Forum recalls its repeated recommendations to the United Nations system in which it called for studies and dedicated workshops on suicide among indigenous children and young people and notes with increasing concern that the system has not adequately responded to the recommendations and that no interventions were made on the issue by any United Nations agency.

5. The Permanent Forum urges States to recognize that suicidal behaviour, suicide and self-harm are directly related to the social and economic situation of indigenous peoples in specific countries and primarily linked to loss of self-identification and departure from the roots of traditional culture and ways of life. This, in turn, is linked to the loss by indigenous peoples of their rights to their lands and territories, natural resources, traditional ways of life and traditional uses of natural resources.

6. The Permanent Forum recommends that the United Nations Children's Fund immediately develop and adopt a comprehensive and distinct policy on indigenous children and young people, taking into account the human rights affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and in consultation and collaboration with indigenous peoples and indigenous children and youth organizations in particular.

7. The Permanent Forum:

(a) Urges all States to develop national programmes to study the issue and to prevent suicidal behaviour, suicide and self-harm among indigenous children and young people;

(b) Calls upon the Secretary-General to consider appointing a special rapporteur on indigenous children and youth issues in order to prevent suicidal behaviour, suicide and self-harm among indigenous children and young people;

(c) Recommends that United Nations bodies and agencies, among others, develop a system-wide plan for the prevention of suicide and self-harm among indigenous children and young people.

8. The Permanent Forum urges all States to substantially increase the human and financial resources made available to all indigenous communities and schools for prevention and holistic treatment based on cultural, spiritual and linguistic revitalization, providing healthy and positive lifestyle choices and access to traditional methods of counselling based on accurate and reliable data. Furthermore, it is important to promote positive campaigns and experiences that focus on the beauty and uniqueness of indigenous identities and counter the romanticized view of suicide and self-harm.

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Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Half-day discussion on the Pacific region

1. The Pacific islands[1] are home to a diverse range of indigenous peoples, speaking 19 per cent of the world's estimated 5,000 languages. Indigenous peoples in the Pacific are still linked to their communal lands, belief systems, spirituality and customary laws, which form the basis of their social, economic and political systems. Owing to the diversity of Pacific countries and territories, there are significant variations in the social, political and economic situation of indigenous peoples in the region.

2. The small island developing States of the Pacific face specific environmental, social and economic challenges that have a significant impact on indigenous peoples in the exercise of their human rights. A distinctive feature of the Pacific region is that indigenous peoples make up the majority of the population in most Pacific island countries. At the same time, in some countries in the region, colonial

[1] The Pacific islands referred to here comprise the 16 States members of the Pacific Islands Forum (Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, New Zealand (including Tokelau), Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu), the three French territories (French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna) the territories of the United States of America (American Samoa, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands), Timor-Leste, the province of West Papua, Indonesia, the islands of Hawaii, United States, and the island of Rapa Nui, Chile.

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settlements and immigration have reduced indigenous populations to a minority in their own lands.

3. Reiterating the recommendation made at its seventh session, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees focus on the vulnerability of indigenous peoples in the Pacific region, particularly in view of the effects of climate change (see E/2008/43-E/C.19/2008/13, chap. I, sect. B, para. 59).

4. Consistent with article 10 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Permanent Forum calls upon Member States and human rights institutions to consider examining, in conjunction with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and other mandate holders, the forced relocation of indigenous communities.

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Chapter I
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A. Draft decisions recommended by the Permanent Forum for adoption by the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[*To be completed*]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Permanent Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, entities of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

3. It is the understanding of the secretariat of the Permanent Forum that those proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations, as set out below, will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

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Chapter II
Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

4. By its decision 2014/244, the Economic and Social Council decided that the fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 20 April to 1 May 2015.

5. At its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 20 to 23 April 2015, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 3, entitled "Follow-up on the recommendations of the Permanent Forum", including sub-items (a), "Outcome of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples", (b), "Post-2015 development agenda", and (c), "Youth, self-harm and suicide". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the notes by the secretariat entitled "Analysis prepared by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples" (E/C.19/2015/3) and "Compilation of information from Member States on addressing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum" (E/C.19/2015/5). At its 17th meeting, on 1 May 2015, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

6. At its 4th meeting, on 21 April, the Forum considered agenda item 4, entitled "Half-day discussion on the Pacific region". At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 (see chap. I, sect. B).

7. At its 12th meeting, on 28 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5, entitled "Half-day discussion on the expert group meeting on the theme 'Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples'". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note by the secretariat entitled "Expert group meeting on the theme 'Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples'" (E/C.19/2015/8). At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 5 (see chap. I, sect. B).

8. At its 6th and 7th meetings, on 23 April, the Forum considered agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds", jointly with agenda item 3 (b), entitled "Post-2015 development agenda". During those meetings, there was a dialogue with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. For its consideration of item 6, the Forum had before it the notes by the secretariat entitled "Compilation of information received from United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum" (E/C.19/2015/6) and "Report on the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues annual meeting for 2014" (E/C.19/2015/7). At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 6 (see chap. I, sect. B).

9. At its 10th and 11th meetings, on 27 April, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 7, entitled "Human Rights" , including sub-items (a), "Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples", and (b), "Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". During those meetings, there was a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, with a specific focus on economic, social and cultural rights. At

its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 7 (see chap. I, sect. B).

10. At its 5th, 7th to 9th and 13th to 15th meetings, on 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 April, the Forum considered agenda item 8, entitled "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues" for discussions on, inter alia, its methods of work and indigenous human development and human rights indicators. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the notes by the secretariat entitled "Twenty-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and beyond: a framework to advance indigenous women's issues" (E/C.19/2015/2), "Study on the treatment of traditional knowledge in the framework of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the post-2015 development agenda" (E/C.19/2015/4) and "Cross-border issues, including recognition of the right of indigenous peoples to trade in goods and services across borders and militarized areas" (E/C.19/2015/9). At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision and its recommendations submitted under agenda item 8 (see chap. I, sects. A and B).

11. At its 16th meeting, on 30 April, the Forum considered agenda item 9, entitled "Draft agenda for the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum". At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision submitted under agenda item 9 (see chap. I, sect. A).

Chapter III
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fourteenth session

12. At its 17th meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations and the draft report of the Permanent Forum on its fourteenth session.

13. At the same meeting, the Permanent Forum adopted its draft report.

Chapter IV
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

14. The Permanent Forum held its fourteenth session at United Nations Headquarters from 20 April to 1 May 2015. It held 17 formal meetings and 3 closed meetings to consider the items on its agenda.

15. At the 1st meeting, on 20 April, the session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. At the opening ceremony, Tododaho Sid Hill, of the Onondaga Nation, delivered a welcoming address. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council delivered statements.

16. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Chair of the Permanent Forum, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Head of the Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

B. Attendance

17. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, intergovernmental organizations and bodies, United Nations entities, and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in document E/C.19/2015/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

18. At its 1st meeting, on 20 April, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:
Megan Davis

Vice-Chairs:
Joan Carling
Oliver Loode
Joseph Mutangah
Alvaro Pop

Rapporteur:
Kara-Kys Arakchaa

D. Agenda

19. At its 1st meeting, on 20 April, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.19/2015/1.

E. Documentation

20. A list of the documents before the Forum at its fourteenth session is contained in document E/C.19/2015/INF/2.

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Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues commends the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for its work on rural development addressing food production and hunger, and for the high standards set in ensuring full and effective participation of indigenous peoples through the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD and the Indigenous Peoples' Assistance Facility in line with the implementation of its policy on indigenous peoples. It is a model for other international financial institutions and United Nations organizations in demonstrating their firm commitment in respecting the rights of indigenous peoples, including on self-determined development.

2. The Permanent Forum acknowledges IFAD for the implementation of its policy on indigenous peoples and for selecting "Indigenous peoples' food systems and sustainable livelihoods" as the theme of the second global meeting of the Indigenous People' Forum at IFAD. The Forum expects that IFAD will continue to strengthen its engagement with indigenous peoples in its future work by ensuring engagement at the country level through targeted programmes, capacity-building for indigenous peoples and project staff and the development of specific indicators on the well-being of indigenous peoples.

3. The Forum recommends that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in coordination with indigenous peoples, organize trainings and other capacity-building development as well as establish mechanisms for

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engagement such as working groups and appropriate representation of indigenous peoples in relevant instruments and bodies of FAO, and provide a progress report on those activities to the Permanent Forum at its fifteenth session.

4. The Permanent Forum encourages Member States, in cooperation with United Nations agencies, to develop social policies that will enhance the production of indigenous peoples' traditional foods and promote the restoration or recovery of the lost drought-resistant indigenous food varieties to ensure adequate food security. In this context, the Permanent Forum recommends that the States of Mali, Burkina Faso and the Niger, as well as United Nations agencies such as FAO, IFAD and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, establish a committee in full consultation with the participation of indigenous peoples, aimed at preventing food crises in the Sahara region where indigenous peoples reside. The Committee's objective should be to prevent humanitarian disasters and, in particular, to prevent starvation at the same level as the disaster that struck the region in 1973.

5. The Permanent Forum, bearing in mind the importance of the right of indigenous peoples to food sovereignty and security, invites Member States to consider the possibility of announcing an International Year of the Camelids with the aim of drawing attention to the management of lands, territories and resources and for the breeding of camelids.

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Recommendations of the Permanent Forum
Human rights

1. Recognizing that the Inter-Agency Support Group will play a central role in coordinating efforts among United Nations agencies to translate the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples into meaningful change, the Permanent Forum requests that the Group ensure that its membership includes all United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, including specialized agencies. The Forum recommends that the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the Advisory Board of the United Nations Office for Partnerships and other relevant United Nations agencies take necessary measures for addressing the special situation of indigenous peoples in developed countries.

2. As a matter of indigenous human rights and consistent with article 18 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, previous Permanent Forum recommendations, and the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, with particular consideration of paragraph 33, the right to participate in decision-making is highly relevant to three fast-approaching and pivotal multilateral negotiations. In this regard, the Permanent Forum urgently requests all States, United Nations agencies, and high-level representatives of the United Nations system to ensure direct participation of indigenous peoples in the multilateral negotiations referred to below. We further request that all of these actors advocate for and ensure that there is explicit reference to indigenous peoples and their distinct human rights and status throughout the remaining processes related to:

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(a) The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, to be held from 26 June to 8 July 2015; and the United Nations summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda, to be held from 25 to 27 September 2015, bearing in mind the need for indigenous specific indicators and disaggregated data;

(b) The high-level event on climate change, to be held in New York on 29 June 2015; and the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;

(c) The third International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held from 13 to 16 July 2015.

The Permanent Forum also requests that States and United Nations agencies engaging in those events ensure strong linkages with the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, with particular consideration of paragraph 33, and indigenous participation.

3. The Permanent Forum reminds States that implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples provides a common framework for reconciliation, justice, healing and peace. Each State has a prime responsibility and duty to protect, promote and implement all human rights, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and international human rights law; furthermore, all forms of discrimination must be avoided.

4. The Permanent Forum recommends that United Nations treaty bodies and mechanisms, as well as the universal periodic review process, scrutinize the reports and human rights record of States, so as to effectively address rights ritualism. This should include ensuring that State claims are systematically compared to the concerns raised by indigenous peoples and civil society.

5. The Permanent Forum highlights the unprincipled positions and actions of States that undermine indigenous peoples' human rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and that such conduct prejudices indigenous peoples globally and serves to weaken the international human rights system. Therefore, States must take steps, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that State commitments and obligations are not violated in other international forums, as occurred at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, following the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. Consistent with both the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the Declaration, States, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, should develop legislation and mechanisms at the national level to ensure that laws are consistent with the Declaration.

6. The Permanent Forum expresses its deep concern about the alleged atrocities and human rights violations committed against the indigenous peoples concerned in Canada, Finland, Indonesia, Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania and Western Australia in Australia and atrocities committed against the indigenous peoples in other parts of the world. It urges the entire United Nations system, including the relevant bodies, to take appropriate action.

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Recommendations of the Permanent Forum
Future work

1. In establishing indicators, the focus should be on the vision and world view of indigenous peoples, based on collective rights, such as those to identity, land, territory, traditional knowledge, free, prior and informed consent and women's participation in local, national and international decision-making processes.

2. The Permanent Forum welcomes the participation of United Nations and indigenous experts in the panel discussion on the proposed indigenous peoples development index. In particular, the Forum notes the work of United Nations agencies and indigenous experts in developing indicators, such as on cultural integrity, status and trends in relation to land tenure, traditional knowledge and food security, and the Indigenous Navigator project as positive initiatives towards the development of such an index.

3. The Permanent Forum intends to make the formulation of an indigenous peoples development index, based on the rights affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and international human rights instruments, a recurring part of its agenda.

4. The Permanent Forum recommends that the United Nations Development Programme, especially its Human Development Report Office, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat assist the Forum in developing an indigenous peoples development index, building on existing

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initiatives by indigenous peoples and United Nations agencies, and report thereon to the Forum at its fifteenth session.

5. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Statistics Division actively engage with indigenous peoples in developed countries and, in particular, developing countries, including indigenous women, indigenous young people and indigenous people with disabilities, in developing key indicators on indigenous peoples, including for data disaggregation, to be included in the overall indicators for the post-2015 development agenda to be adopted in March 2016.

6. The Permanent Forum calls upon States Members of the United Nations to recognize indigenous peoples, where they exist, consistent with the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in their legislation in order to gather statistical data thereon, especially in the area of allocation of land and other natural resources for traditional use.

7. The reform of the methods of work of the Permanent Forum was considered under agenda item 8, "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues". Within the scope of resolution 2000/22 of the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, the Forum reform initiative is intended to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Forum and its interaction with its secretariat. A wide range of matters must be addressed, in particular the need to reduce the number of recommendations while strengthening the follow-up to and implementation of outstanding recommendations, an issue that was underscored by both member States and indigenous peoples. The expert members of the Forum were encouraged by several constructive statements and detailed suggestions made by member States and representatives of indigenous peoples on the subject. The Forum will remain seized of the reform process and discuss the matter, in a transparent and accountable manner, at future sessions.

8. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Commission on the Status of Women consider the empowerment of indigenous women as a priority theme of its sixty-first session, in 2017, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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A. Draft decisions recommended by the Permanent Forum for adoption by the Council

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
International expert group meeting on the theme "Indigenous languages: preservation and revitalization (articles 13 to 15 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)"

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on the theme "Indigenous languages: preservation and revitalization (articles 13 to 15 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)".

Draft decision II
Venue and dates for the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum

The Economic and Social Council decides that the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues shall be held at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, from 9 to 20 May 2016.

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Draft decision III
Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fourteenth session and provisional agenda for its fifteenth session

The Economic and Social Council,

(a) Takes note of the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fourteenth session;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum as set out below:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Follow-up to the recommendations of the Permanent Forum.
4. Implementation of the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
5. Discussion on the theme "Indigenous peoples: conflict, peace and resolution".
6. Dialogue with indigenous peoples.
7. Dialogue with Member States.
8. Dialogue with United Nations agencies, programmes and funds.
9. Coordination among the three United Nations mechanisms:
   (a) Coordination among the three United Nations mechanisms;
   (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
10. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues.
11. Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session.
12. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its fifteenth session.